

City of Bedford, VA



2004 Calendar

2004 City Calendar

In our continuing effort to improve services to the citizens of the City of Bedford, we are pleased to present you with this 2004 calendar for your use. This calendar is full of information regarding City services and how to access them, including information and answers to the questions most frequently asked of us. In addition, we have noted all of the important dates within each month, so you'll know ahead of time when things are occurring. Whether you want to know which streets get cleared of snow, what makes Centertown special, or when the garbage collection schedule is going to vary, you'll find all of this information and much more throughout the calendar. We hope you will find this information helpful and put the calendar to good use. The City of Bedford is a great place to live, work and play, and we are committed to keeping it that way.

City Officials

City Council

E. Thomas Messier, Mayor
W.D. Skip Tharp, Vice-Mayor
Mary L. Flood
Jeffrey B. Hubbard
Thomas M. Padgett
C.G. Stanley, Jr.
Robert T. Wandrei

City Administration

F. Craig Meadows	City Manager
Joanne Caldwell	Treasurer
Brenda Daniel	Commissioner of Revenue
Nanci Drake	Director of Tourism
Clarke Gibson	Director of Public Services
Milton Graham	Chief of Police
Rosie Jordan	Director of Finance
Randy Nixon	Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries
Barbara Parker	Director of Human Resources
Gene Ratzlaff	Director of the Electric Department
Todd Stone	Fire Chief
Bart Warner	Director of Planning and Community Development

City Offices, unless otherwise noted, are located at the City Municipal Building, 215 E. Main Street, Bedford, Virginia 24523. Generally, the offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The offices are closed on the following holidays:

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<i>Lee-Jackson-King Day</i>	<i>Friday following Thanksgiving</i>
<i>Monday following Memorial Day</i>	<i>Thursday before Christmas Eve</i>
<i>Monday following July 4th</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>Friday before New Year's Day</i>
<i>Veteran's Day</i>	

How To Contact Us

City of Bedford
215 E. Main Street
P.O. Drawer 807
Bedford, VA 24523

Area code (540)

EMERGENCY	911	Police Administration	587-6011
City Administration	587-6001	Public Services	587-6081
Toll Free	1-877-790-5987		

Internet: www.bedfordva.gov

Email: admin@bedfordva.gov

Many City documents are available online!

How to Contact Your Elected Officials

Virginia Senate

(District 23)

Senator Stephen D. Newman
P.O. Box 2209
Lynchburg, VA 24501-0209
Phone: (434) 385-1065
Fax: (434) 385-1021

Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 396
Richmond, VA 23218
Email: district23@sov.state.va.us

Virginia House of Delegates

(District 19)

Delegate Lacey E. Putney
P.O. Box 127
Bedford, VA 24523
Phone: (540) 586-0080
Fax: (540) 586-1784
Email: Del_Putney@house.state.va.us

General Assembly Building
P.O. Box 406
Richmond, Virginia 23218
Phone: (804) 698-1019
Fax: (804) 786-6310
Constituent Viewpoint:
(800) 889-0229

Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Mark R. Warner
State Capitol, 3rd Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Phone: (804) 786-2211
Fax: (804) 371-6351
Website: www.virginia.gov

United States Senate

The Honorable George Allen
204 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202) 224-4024
Fax: (202) 224-5432
Web Form: allen.senate.gov/email.html
Term Expiration: 2007

The Honorable John Warner
225 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202) 224-2023
Fax: (202) 224-6295
Web Form: warner.senate.gov/contact/
contactme.htm
Term Expiration: 2009

United States House of Representatives (District 5)

The Honorable Virgil H. Goode, Jr.
1520 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4605
Phone: (202) 225-4711
Fax: (202) 225-5681
Email: Rep.Goode@mail.house.gov

Virginia is nicknamed the Old Dominion State. Charles II of England quartered the arms of Virginia on his shield in 1663, thus adding Virginia to his dominions of France, Ireland and Scotland. It is also called the Mother State because it was the first state to be colonized.

Important Phone Numbers

City of Bedford

EMERGENCY	911
After Hours Public Services Emergencies	911
Animal Control	586-7118
City Attorney	586-8133
City Municipal Building	587-6001
Commissioner of Revenue	587-6051
Economic Development	587-6020
Electric Department	587-6071
Engineering Department	587-6031
Finance Department	587-6041
Fire Department (non-emergency only)	586-7150
Human Resources	587-6044
Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission	587-6025
Landfill	586-7186
Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries	587-6061
Planning and Community Development	587-6021
Police Administration	587-6011
Public Services	587-6081
Tourism (Visitors Center)	587-5681
Treasurer	587-6057
Voter Registration (City only)	587-6007
Bedford Science and Technology Center	586-3933
Bedford Central Library	586-8911
Bedford County Sheriff	586-7827
Bedford Elementary School	586-0275
Bedford Memorial Hospital	586-2441
Bedford Middle School	586-7735
Bedford Museum	586-4520
Bedford Primary School	586-8339
Chamber of Commerce	586-9401
Clerk of the Circuit Court	586-7632
Commonwealth's Attorney	586-7628
Health Department	586-7952
Liberty High School	586-2541
Miss Utility Call before you dig	800-552-7001
Poison Control	586-2441
Post Office	586-3454
School Administration	586-1045

Responsible Animal Care

It is against the law for any animal owner not to provide for his animal: Sufficient quantity of good and wholesome food and water; Proper protection and shelter from the weather; Veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering; Humane treatment; and Prompt removal and sanitary disposal of all excreta deposited by his animal anywhere in the city.

*Section 4-6 of the
City of Bedford Code*

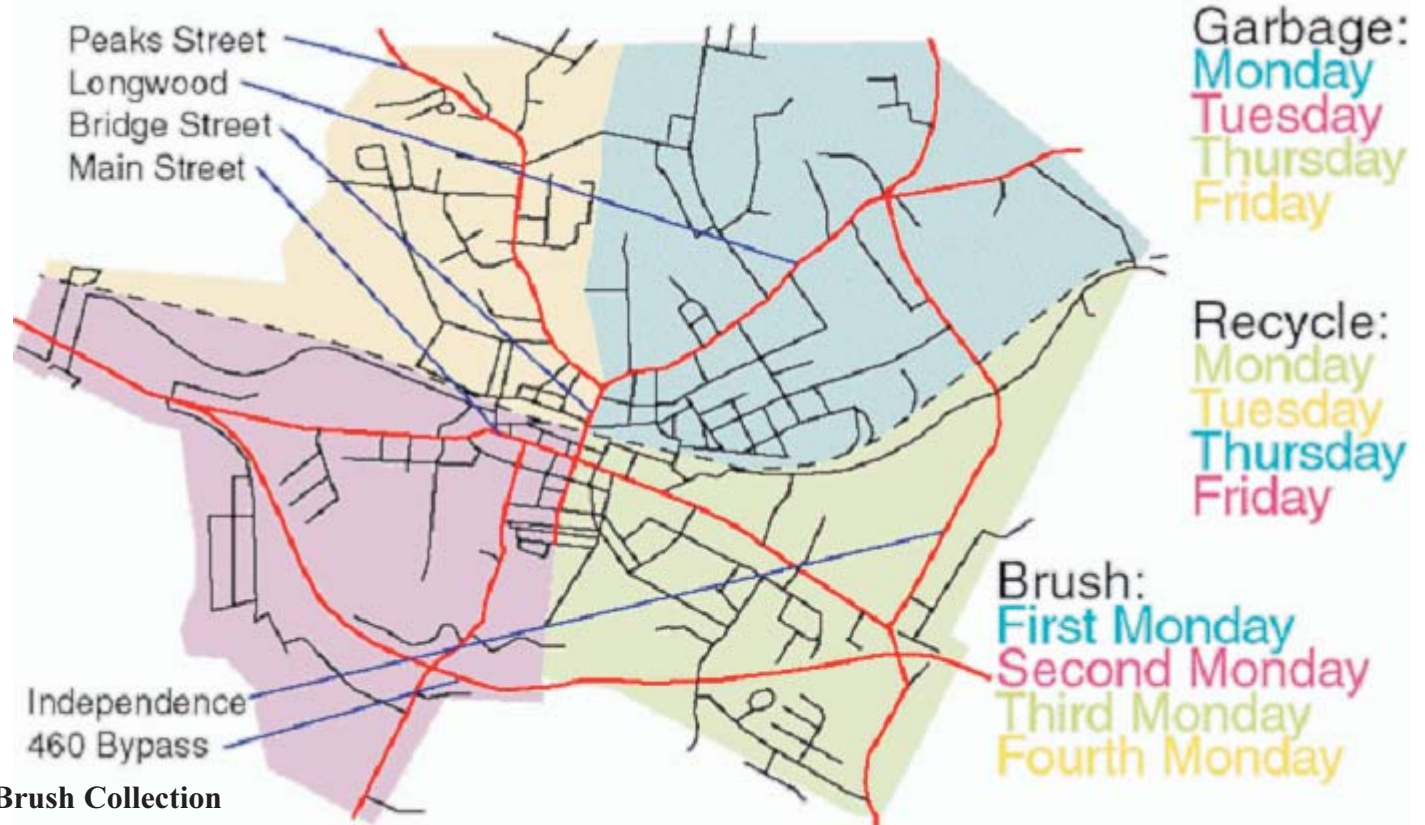
Animal Shelter

Animals found or confiscated by an Animal Control Officer in the City are taken to the Bedford City Animal Shelter, which is located at 700 Orange Street in the City of Bedford. Animals are also available for adoption at that facility. Shelter hours are 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call the Animal Control Officer at 586-7118.

Virginia was granted Statehood on June 25th of 1788. The State bird is the cardinal, the State flower is dogwood, and the State drink is milk.

Brush Collection Schedule

- * If your trash pickup day is **Monday**, brush will be picked up on the **first Monday of the month**.
- * If your trash pickup day is **Tuesday**, brush will be picked up on the **second Monday of the month**.
- * If your trash pickup day is **Thursday**, brush will be picked up on the **third Monday of the month**.
- * If your trash pickup day is **Friday**, brush will be picked up on the **fourth Monday of the month**.



Brush Collection

Public Services collects brush from each area of the City once a month. Please Follow these simple guidelines to insure your brush is collected:

- * Call Public Services at 587-6081 to schedule a pick-up before placing your brush at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your home.
- * Separate loose leaves, grass and vines into different piles.
- * Please keep your brush pile under 6 feet tall.
- * Place your brush at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your home, no earlier than the weekend before your scheduled pick-up.
- * Trim brush to 10 feet or less.
- * Brush left by contractors will not be picked up by City crews.
- * Brush collection is not intended for tree removal or stump disposal.

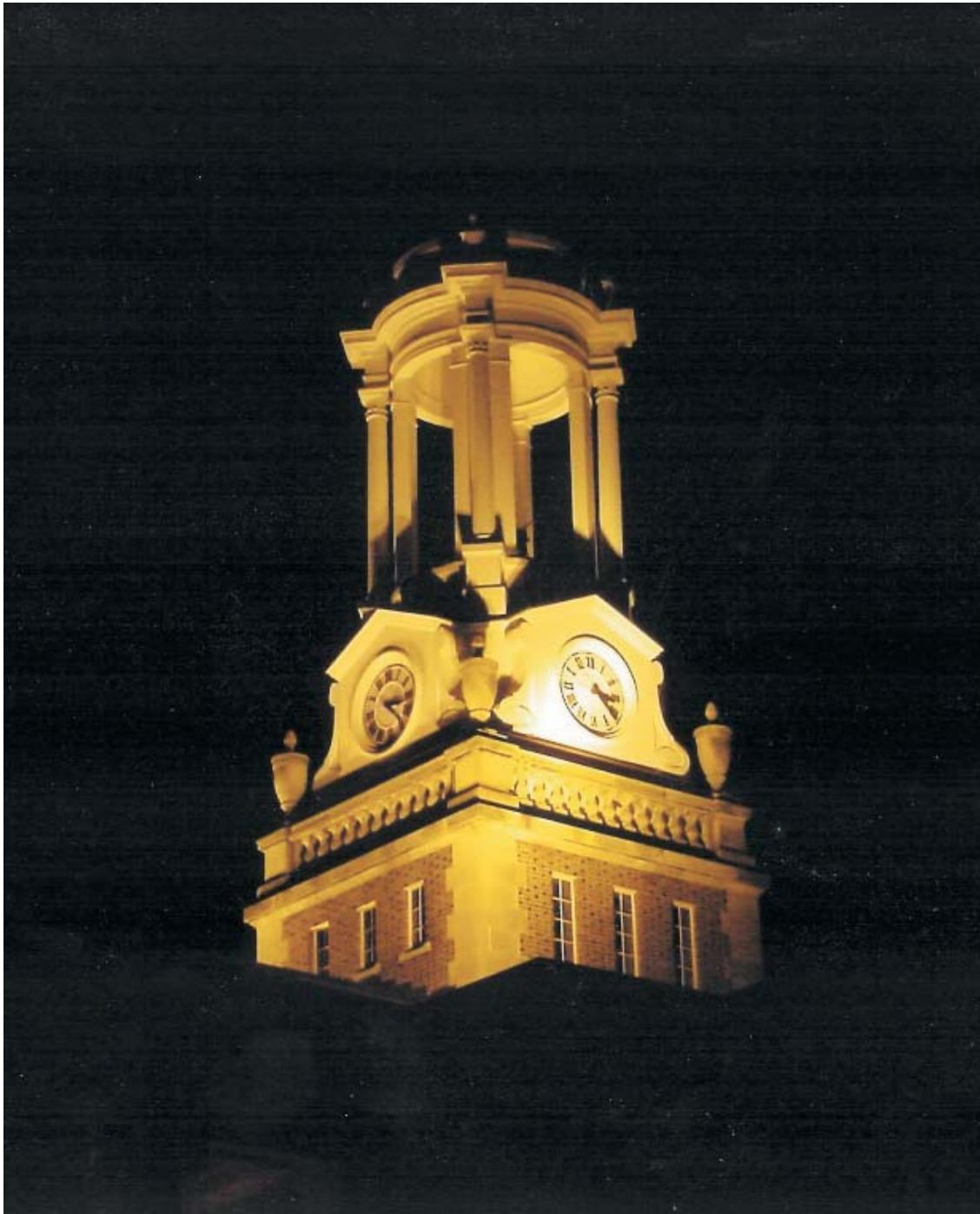
Spring Clean-Up Information

- * Put out separate piles for brush, leaves and junk (furniture, appliances, etc.). Each requires a different collection or disposal method and your cooperation makes our crew's job easier.
- * Properly remove the freon from refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. Environmental regulations prohibit the City from accepting these items for disposal otherwise. Call Public Services if you need advice.
- * Do not place liquids such as paint or driveway sealer out for pickup. These items must be dried and/or hardened before they can be placed in the landfill. Kitty Litter works well to accelerate this process.

Please have your bulk refuse items out for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. Monday April 19, 2004. Public Services cannot make return trips after clearing your neighborhood. If you would like to take your items to the landfill, the fee will be waived for households only, from April 19 - April 23.

January 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For meeting locations please call 587-6001		30	31	1 New Year's Day City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection	2 Thur. garbage and recycling collection	3
4	5	6	7	8 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19 Lee-Jackson King Day City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection	20 Mon. garbage and recycling collection	21	22 7:00 p.m. Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission Meeting (KBBC)	23	24
25	26	27 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	28	29	30	31 Dog Tags Due



Bedford Courthouse Tower

Centertown Bedford

Centertown Bedford's inclusion in the Bedford Historic District of the National Register of Historic Places is no accident. From the intersection of Main and Bridge Streets, you'll see a scene that remains largely unchanged from the turn of the century. Most of the structures in this part of town were built in the 1880's and 1890's, replacing the older wooden buildings lost in the devastating fire of 1884. Downtown Bedford's architecture predominantly reflects the Italianate style, although there are notable exceptions. The Italianate style is known for its use of rectangular shapes and ornate window details, as well as a wide variety of arches and decorative cornices. The beauty of Bedford's architecture is not merely skin-deep: the interiors of several of the downtown shops boast pressed-tin ceilings, glass block windows and original cage elevators. Although many of the facades have been modernized, original shop-fronts with transoms, sidelights, columns and intriguing decorative details can still be found by the observant. So whether you're an architecture buff or simply passing through, be sure to explore the striking interiors and exteriors that show off the unique craftsmanship of Bedford's Historic Centertown area. For more information please call Bedford Main Street, Inc. at 586-2148.

American Heart Month

The Federal Government has designated February as "American Heart Month." This was done to urge the people of the United States to recognize the nationwide problem caused by heart and blood vessel diseases and to support all essential programs required to solve these problems.

House Numbers

All owners of buildings or houses within the City shall place and maintain on the front or at the street entrance of their respective buildings or houses, the proper house number assigned to such building or house. Such numbers shall be firmly affixed in a conspicuous place and the numbers shall not be less than three inches in height and shall be clearly visible from the street.

Section 20-29 of the City of Bedford Code

Natural Drains and Streams to be Kept Clean

Natural drains and streams must be kept clean, free and unobstructed from garbage or vegetation upon order of the Health Director. The responsibility of keeping the natural drains and running water clear falls to the owner or occupant of the property, or the owner of the abutting property.

Section 10-5 of the City of Bedford Code

By: Charlie Nelms

February 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chinese New Year	2 Baseball, Softball, T-Ball Sign up begins Groundhog Day	3	4	5 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	6	7
8	9	10 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting Presidential Primary Be sure to vote!	11	12 7:00 p.m. BJIDA Meeting	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21 Baseball, softball, T-Ball Sign up ends
22	23	24 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	25 Ash Wednesday	26 7:00 p.m. KBBC Meeting	27	28
29	1 City Business License Due	2				For meeting locations please call 587-6001



Municipal Building

By: Cayce Campbell

Burning of Brush, Leaves, Debris, etc.

Burning is permitted only upon notification of and approval from the Chief of the Fire Department. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, employer, developer or corporation to obtain all other required authorizations from state or federal agencies.

During the period between March first, and May fifteenth of each year, it is against the law, within the City, for any person to set fire to any brush, leaves, grass, debris or fields containing dry grass or other flammable material capable of spreading fire, located in or within three hundred (300) feet of any woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

Section 8-3 of the City of Bedford Code

Silly Laws

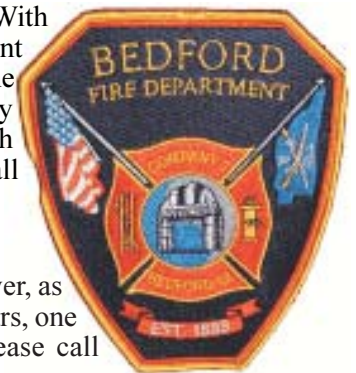
In the Virginia Code of 1930 there is a statute which prohibits corrupt practices or bribery by any person other than political candidates. There was also once a law in Salem Virginia that made it illegal to leave home without knowing where you were going.

The Bedford Fire Department

Organized in 1888, the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department was Bedford City and County's only organized fire protection until 1952. With a response area of nearly 180 square miles, the largest "first due" response area in the county, the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department remains the busiest fire department each year. The Department has 40 members including a paid Chief. All of the active members of the City of Bedford Fire Department are required to be certified, and 9 of the members have had hazardous materials training. From January to October of 2003, the Bedford Fire Department received 441 calls. There is a continuing need to maintain 20 active volunteers, which requires recruiting about two new volunteers each year. If you are interested in being a part of the Bedford Fire Department, please call 586-7150 or visit their website at: <http://www.bedfordfd.com>

The City First Aid and Lifesaving Crew

Also a volunteer squad, the Bedford First Aid and Lifesaving Crew is made up of 50 members. That number changes frequently however, as the crew is all volunteer. The rescue crew has four advanced life-support ambulances, one mass casualty trauma trailer, two response cars, one four-wheel drive vehicle, and one medium-duty crash truck. They responded to 1,500 calls last year. For more information, please call 586-2941 (non-emergencies only).



March 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	1 <i>City Business License Due</i>	2	3	4 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	5	6
7 <i>Purim</i>	8	9 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	10 <i>School Closed</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	24	25 7:00 p.m. KBBC Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>Third Quarter Real Estate Taxes Due</i>	1 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission <i>April Fool's Day</i>	2	<i>For meeting locations please call 587-6001</i>

Prohibited Signs

The following signs are prohibited within the City of Bedford:

Signs in any public right-of-way other than authorized public signs or temporary signs authorized under the sign regulations.

Signs attached to utility poles, trees, other natural vegetation, rocks or fences; or signs attached to walls or other signs unless authorized as part of an approved sign permit.

Signs on vehicles parked in areas visible from a public right-of-way unless such vehicles are used on a regular basis for a business delivery or other form of transportation.

Off-premises signs, including outdoor advertising signs or billboards, except as expressly authorized in the sign regulations.

Land Development Regulations Section 904.04

The first Earth Day in 1970, the vision of Former Senator Gaylord Nelson, was a milestone in history. Twenty million people participated in demonstrations across the country and helped prompt the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act. Every year since, on April 22nd, concerned citizens around the world have gathered to organize and promote the social, cultural and economic behaviors we must adopt if we are to leave a healthy and sustainable planet to our children.



Liberty Lake Park

By: Cayce Campbell

Sign Permits

Most professional signs erected, displayed, altered, relocated, replaced or reconstructed in the City of Bedford require a permit. All signs must be located on the same lot with the principle use to which they pertain. Signs that are erected, displayed, altered, relocated, replaced or reconstructed without a permit shall be removed immediately. To read the complete sign regulations, visit the City Planning Department offices or go to:

<http://www.bedfordva.gov/onlinedocs/LDRnew/article9.html>

April 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For meeting locations please call 587-6001		30	31 Third Quarter Real Estate Taxes Due	1 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting April Fool's Day	2	3 Easter Egg Hunt at Liberty Lake Park
4 Daylight Savings Time Begins Palm Sunday	5	6 Passover	7	8	9	10 Baseball, Softball Opening Day Ceremony
11 Easter	12 Spring Break	13 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	14	15 Federal Income Tax Day	16	17
18	19 Spring Clean-up Week 19th - 23rd	20	21 Administrative Professional's Day	22 7:00 p.m. KBBC Meeting Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	28	29	30 Arbor Day	1



Downtown Bedford

By: Cayce Campbell

Voter Registration/Elections

Municipal Building

215 East Main Street

Residents new to the state may register as soon as residency is established, while people moving from other Virginia jurisdictions must transfer their registration to Bedford City. Forms are available at all libraries, post offices and selected government agencies. Residents moving from one precinct to another within the City must also notify the Registrar. Citizens must register at least 29 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote and must be at least 18 years old by Election Day.

The registrar periodically holds voter registration drives at various public facilities such as schools, shopping centers and libraries. Additionally, you may register to vote at any registrar's office in the State. In Virginia, voters do not register by party affiliation. For more information, please call 587-6007.

Bedford Farmers Market

Located at 220 West Washington Street, this open-air market offers homegrown fruits and vegetables during the spring, summer and fall. The market is open April through October, on Tuesday and Friday mornings until noon. For more information, please contact Bedford Main Street at 586-2148.

The Bedford City/County Museum

The Bedford City/County Museum building was built in 1895 as a Masonic Temple. This is the only example of Romanesque Revival architecture in Bedford and is impressive with its multi-colored brick, stone archways, terra cotta ornamentation and bay windows. The museum showcases Bedford's history from early native American life through the War Between the States and into the twentieth century. It is also headquarters for the Bedford Genealogical Society and library.

The Commonwealth of Virginia

The Commonwealth of Virginia has a unique form of local government - counties and cities are separate political jurisdictions. There are 95 counties and 40 independent cities in the state, along with 191 towns. In the Bedford area, there are two governments - the independent City of Bedford and Bedford County.

May 31st: Bedford County 250th Anniversary Parade

May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For meeting locations please call 587-6001				29	30 <i>Arbor Day</i>	1
2	3 <i>City Decals Due</i> <i>State Income Tax Due</i>	4 <i>National Teacher's Day</i> <i>City Council Elections</i>	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Police Week</i>	10	11 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	12	13 7:00 p.m. BJIDA Meeting	14	15 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> <i>Peace Officer's Day</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	26 <i>Shavou'ot</i>	27 7:00 p.m. KBBC Meeting	28	29 <i>Bedford Main Street-Red White and Bluegrass</i>
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>City Offices Closed</i> <i>No garbage or recycling collection</i>	1 <i>Football, Cheerleader Sign up begins</i> <i>Mon. garbage and recycling collection</i>	2 <i>Last day of School</i>			

State and Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Owners of properties listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register, either individually or as contributing elements in historic districts, and owners of properties determined to be eligible for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register, are eligible to qualify for these programs. State tax credits are available for owner-occupied, as well as income-producing, buildings, however, only income producing properties qualify for the Federal program. Property owners who complete a certified rehabilitation of a significant historic building can receive an income tax credit on 25% of their eligible expenses through the Virginia Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and an additional 20% credit through the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program. The certification of the rehabilitation work comes from the Department of Historic Resources and is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

These programs encourage private investment in the repair and adaptive reuse of historic buildings by substantially reducing the cost of such ventures. For more information, please contact Mike Pulice in the Roanoke Office at 857-7586, or refer to the Department of Historical Resources website:

www.dhr.state.va.us



The Lady of Triviere

By: Cayce Campbell

The Bedford County Department of Social Services

586-7750

The Bedford County Department of Social Services offers many programs that benefit City residents. There are four money-assistance programs: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); the food stamps program; the Diversionary Assistance Program; and Medicaid. TANF focuses on aid to families with minor children who are in need. The amount of aid given is based on family income and resources. The Diversionary Assistance Program offers a one-time grant for low-income families or persons to assist in handling a specific crisis. Medicaid offers medical insurance for those who may not qualify for, or be able to afford, private health insurance. Other programs offered by the Social Services Department include child protection, adult protection, child welfare, general adult welfare, daycare, employment assistance, adoptions, custody and foster care.

June 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 <i>Memorial Day City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection</i>	1 <i>Football, Cheerleader Sign up begins Mon. garbage and recycling collection</i>	2 <i>Last day of School</i>	3 <i>5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</i>	4	5 <i>Fourth Quarter Real Estate Taxes Due</i>
6 <i>D-Day</i>	7	8 <i>7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Football, Cheerleader Sign up ends</i>	19
20 <i>Father's Day</i>	21	22 <i>7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting</i>	23	24 <i>7:00 p.m. KBBC Meeting</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	1 <i>5:30 p.m. Planning Commission</i>	2	<i>For meeting locations please call 587-6001</i>



Centertown Park

By: Cayce Campbell

Get involved in your community!

Bedford is home to many community service organizations, hobby clubs, scouting troops, and church groups. There are Planning Commission and City Council meetings every month, and the City of Bedford employees are on-hand to assist you with any questions you may have. When was the last time you participated in a road-side clean-up? How about the last time you voiced your opinion about an issue before City Council? Your participation in this community makes a difference. When people get involved in their community, crime tends to drop, kids do better in school and the general quality of life goes up for everyone. For a list of community groups that you can be a part of or to submit the name and contact information of a group you would like to see listed, please go to the City website: www.bedfordva.gov. Refer to this calendar throughout the year for City Council and Planning Commission meeting schedules.

Certification Required

A certificate of qualification is required for any person who engages in plumbing, building-related mechanical or electrical work for compensation. The applicant for such certificate shall furnish evidence of his ability and proficiency as may be required by standards established by the State Department of Housing and Community Development, and the applicant shall be examined to determine his qualifications. The issuance of certificates pursuant to these standards shall be limited to two (2) levels based on the ability and proficiency demonstrated by the applicant in the specified areas of competency.

Section 5-15 of the City of Bedford Code

Control of Vision Clearance

No fence, wall, shrubbery, sign, marquee or other similar visual obstructions between the heights of two and one-half (2 1/2) and ten (10) feet are permitted within twenty (20) feet of the intersection of two roads or railroad lines, or of a road intersection with a railroad line.

Section 704 of the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations

Silly Laws

In Richmond, it is illegal to flip a coin in any eating establishment to determine who buys a cup of coffee.

The Virginia Declaration of Rights

Virginia's Declaration of Rights strongly influenced Thomas Jefferson in writing the first part of the Declaration of Independence. It later was widely copied by the other colonies and provided the foundation for the Bill of Rights. Written by George Mason, it was adopted by the Virginia Constitutional Convention on June 12, 1776.

July 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For meeting locations please call 587-6001		29	30	1 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	2	3
4 Bedford Main Street-Libertyfest Independence Day	5 Independence Day Observed City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection	6 Mon. garbage and recycling collection	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 7:00 p.m. KBBC	23 Bedford Main Street-Living Liberty weekend	24
25	26	27 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	28	29	30	31

City of Bedford GIS

The City of Bedford is in the process of creating a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) network. With this network, the City hopes to: improve citizens ability to get information from the City; increase citizen participation and ability to understand complex planning issues; enable the Fire Department to fight and contain fires more effectively, to save lives and improve their decision making abilities; enable the Police Department to respond better to the needs of the community; improve the level of service from the Public Works and Electric Departments; and increase the abilities of the Economic Development Department so that Bedford can compete with larger localities in attracting new business. So far, all Public Works and Electric facilities have been located and tagged using Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) coordinates, so that every facility can be more easily located by employees working in the field. Individual facility information will be associated with the coordinates so that service schedules can be established, and problems can be identified before citizens feel any impact. This network is designed to improve every Department's level of service to every section of the community. Please check it out and tell us what you think! www.bedfordva.gov

Women's Equality (Suffrage) Day

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote was certified as part of the U.S. Constitution. Referred to as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, it states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." Achieving this milestone required a lengthy and difficult struggle; victory took decades of agitation and protest. Beginning in the mid-19th century, several generations of woman suffrage supporters lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied, and practiced civil disobedience to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the Constitution. Few early supporters lived to see final victory in 1920. The U.S. Congress has designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day" in 1971 to honor women's continuing efforts toward equality.



Bedford Middle School

By: Cayce Campbell

August 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	6	7
8	9	10 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	11	12 7:00 p.m. BJIDA Meeting	13	14 <i>Bedford Main Street- Bedford Blues & BBQ</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	25	26 7:00 p.m. KBBC Meeting Women's Equality (Suffrage) Day	27	28
29	30	31	1	2 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting		For meeting locations please call 587-6001



Centerfest Celebration

By: Bedford Main Street Inc.

Local Tax Credit for Rehabilitated Historic Commercial and Industrial Properties

Historic real estate, which has been substantially rehabilitated for commercial or industrial use, could be exempt from the real estate tax increase for up to three years. The property must meet the following conditions:

- 1) The real estate to be rehabilitated is no less than twenty-five (25) years of age; and
- 2) The assessed value of the structure has been improved by said rehabilitation by sixty (60) percent or more of the previous assessed value.

No property will be eligible for the exemption unless the appropriate permits have been acquired and the Commissioner of Revenue has verified that the rehabilitation indicated on the application has been completed. For more information, please call the Commissioner of Revenue at 587-6051.

Section 22.2 of the City of Bedford Code

Vehicles for Sale

It is against the law for any person to park or place any automobile, truck, trailer or other vehicle on any street or parkway for the purpose of selling or offering it for sale or rent. No sign or lettering shall be placed upon any automobile, truck, trailer or other vehicle parked on any public street, alley or parkway of the City indicating that such vehicle is offered for sale or for rent.

Section 13-29 of the City of Bedford Code

The first theatre in the United States opened in 1716 in Williamsburg, VA.

Citizenship Day

This day commemorates the formation and signing on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution and recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens.

Patriot Day

This is our newest observance in September. Patriot Day honors the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001. The resolution became public on 12/18/2001.

September 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>For meeting locations please call 587-6001</i>	30	31	1	2 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	3	4
5	6 <i>Labor Day City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection</i>	7 <i>Mon. garbage and recycling collection</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>
12 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	15	16 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	17 <i>Citizenship Day</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23 7:00 p.m. KBBC Meeting	24	25 <i>Bedford Main Street - Centerfest Yom Kippur</i>
26	27	28 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	29	30 <i>First Quarter Real Estate Taxes Due Sukkot</i>	1	2



Longwood Avenue

By: Warner Scott

Liberty Lake Park

The largest of the City's parks, this 60-acre facility on Burks Hill Road functions as a regional park. Its features three developed playgrounds, a 2.5 acre lake, fishing docks, three athletic fields, three lighted tennis courts, a skateboard pod, fenced basketball courts, six picnic shelters, two concession stands, a racquetball court, public restroom facilities, large open play areas and a nature trail facility including a paved handicapped-accessible trail. The park also houses a community center where classes and programs are conducted and where the administrative offices for the Parks and Recreation Department are located. For more information about the events at Liberty Lake Park, please call 587-6061.

Trick-Or-Treating Safety

- ☺ Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult.
- ☺ Make sure that costumes are flame retardant.
- ☺ Wait until you get home and your parents check your candy before you eat it.
- ☺ Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
- ☺ Cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk.
- ☺ Carry a flashlight.
- ☺ Visit only houses where the lights are on.

City of Bedford Police Department

The Bedford City Police Department has a staff of 21 sworn officers consisting of the Chief of Police, a Captain, four patrol sergeants, one investigative sergeant, two investigators, one animal control officer and 11 patrolmen. This gives the City an approximate ratio of one police officer for every 310 residents. In addition, the Police Department has a support staff consisting of one administrative assistant, one records clerk, three part-time school crossing guards and one resource officer. Each sworn member of the Police Department meets or exceeds all training standards required by the State of Virginia.

Several crime prevention programs are offered by the Police Department. These include the Drug Alcohol Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.) at the elementary and middle school levels, Neighborhood Watch Programs, community policing effort, Business Watch, Help Prevent Auto Theft Program, home security checks and a number of traffic safety programs. The Police Department has just received accreditation from Virginia Professional Law Enforcement Standards Commission. For more information about the City of Bedford Police Department programs, please call 587-6011 (non-emergencies only) or refer to their website: <http://www.bedfordva.gov/departments/police>.

October 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For meeting locations please call 587-6001			29	30 First Quarter Real Estate Taxes Due Sukkot	1	2
3	4 Basketball Sign up begins	5	6	7 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	13	14	15	16 Bosses Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	27	28 7:00 p.m. KBBC Meeting	29 Basketball Sign up ends	30
31 Bedford Main Street - Spooktacular Halloween Daylight Savings Time Ends	1 All Saints Day	2 Presidential Election Day be sure to vote!				



Wharton Gazebo

By: Cayce Campbell

Veteran's Day

November 11, is the anniversary of the Armistice which was signed in the Forest of Compiègne by the Allies and the Germans in 1918, ending World War I, after four years of conflict. In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The name was changed to Veterans' Day by Act of Congress on May 24, 1954. In October of that year, President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so gallantly, and through rededication to the task of promoting an enduring peace.

Bedford Public Library System

On November 30, 1900, a group of civic-minded women founded the *Women's Library Association of Bedford*, starting with a two-room office building located on the present Bridge Street site of the Bedford Central Library. This modest library grew steadily over the next 100 years and now serves as the headquarters of the Bedford Public Library System, a modern regional library serving Bedford City and County.

The library is the oldest publicly-supported, continuously operating public library in any of the communities surrounding Bedford County, and is one of the oldest public libraries in Virginia. From the beginning, the library attracted a remarkable amount of usage and support from the progressive community it serves. Even through years of tight budgets and cramped quarters, the library maintained a reputation for excellence in customer service, quality of collections, children's programming and usage by residents of the City and County.

Throughout the 1980's and 90's, the library benefited from cooperation between Bedford City and County in establishing a regional library, as well as from public/private funding partnerships. This regional cooperation and community support have made it possible to establish modern facilities, collections and services throughout the City and County.

Today, the Bedford Public Library System has a varied collection of over 190,000 books, magazines, newspapers, audio and video cassettes, microfilms and other materials in circulation. They host various children's activities, such as preschool story times, after-school reading clubs, craft classes and computer classes. For more information about the Bedford Public Library System, please call 586-8911 or refer to their website:

<http://www.library.bedford.va.us/>

Virginia has the only full-length statue of George Washington. The statue was placed in the capitol in 1796.

November 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <i>Bedford Main Street - Spooktacular Halloween Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 <i>Presidential Election Day Be sure to vote!</i>	3	4 <i>5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</i>	5	6
7	8	9 <i>7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting</i>	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection</i>	12 <i>Thur. garbage and recycling collection</i>	13
14	15	16	17	18 <i>7:00 p.m. BJIDA Meeting</i>	19	20
21	22	23 <i>7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting</i>	24 <i>Thur. garbage and recycling collection</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection</i>	26 <i>Bedford Main Street - Christmas Tree Lighting City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection</i>	27
28	29 <i>Fri. garbage and recycling collection</i>	30	1	2 <i>5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</i>		<i>For meeting locations please call 587-6001</i>

Emergency Snow Plowing Routes

The following city streets or portions thereof are designated as emergency snow plowing routes.

Entire Streets:

Bedford Avenue; Bridge Street / Longwood Avenue / Forest Road from Washington Street to the City limits; Center Street; Court Street; Crenshaw Street / Burks Hill Road – to the City limits; Depot Street; Franklin Street; Main Street; McGhee Street – to the City limits; Oakwood Street- to the city limits; Orange Street - to the city limits; Park Street; Peaks Street - to the city limits; South Street - to the city limits; and Whitfield Drive.

Portions of the following streets:

Grove Street from Orange Street to Railroad Avenue; Monroe Street from Railroad Avenue to Park Street; Otey Street from Franklin Street to Main Street; Railroad Avenue from Grove Street to Monroe Street; Talbot Street from South Street to Franklin Street; and Washington Street from Otey Street to Center Street.

Section 13-64 of the City of Bedford Code

*Happy Holidays
From the City
of Bedford!*



Christmas House

By: Warner Scott

Inoperative Motor Vehicles

It is against the law for any person, firm or corporation to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure, on any property within the City, any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which is inoperative. This does not apply to a licensed business which on June 26, 1970 was regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor.

Section 10-34 of the City of Bedford Code

An **inoperative vehicle** is defined as: any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition; which for a period of sixty (60) days or longer has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires, wheels, engine or other essential parts required for operation of the vehicle; or a vehicle on which there are displayed neither valid license plates nor a valid inspection decal.

December 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>For meeting locations please call 587-6001</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Fri. garbage and recycling collection</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Bedford Main Street - Christmas Parade</i></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Chanukkah</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Bedford Main Street - Centertown Holiday Open House</i></p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Thur. garbage and recycling collection</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Kwanzaa</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Fri. garbage and recycling collection</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Second Quarter Real Estate Taxes Due New Year's Day Observed City Offices Closed No garbage or recycling collection</p>	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>



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